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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- I (previously amended). A web server having a user space and an operating system space, wherein the user space includes comprising:
 - a user space an application level interpreter configured to process a client requests request;
 - at least one user space kernel extension device driver enabling the application level interpreter to communicate with a network interface to receive the client request; and
 - a user space transmission protocol library, including TCP/IP library routines, enabling the web server to process the client requests request and the corresponding responses response within the user space[[;]]

wherein the web server is configured to poll the network-interface periodically.

- 2 (original). The server of claim 1, wherein the interpreter comprises an HTTP interpreter.
- 3-4 (canceled).
- 5 (currently amended). The server of claim [[4]] 1, wherein the library includes only those routines necessary for processing of requests to and responses from the interpreter.
- 6 (original). The server of claim 1, wherein the web server includes a user space file cache.
- 7 (original). The server of claim 1, wherein the web server is configured to initiate multiple threads within its user space responsive to user requests.
- 8 (original). The server of claim 7, wherein the threads include threads selected from the group of threads including perl scripts, egi threads, and Java servlets.
- 9 (currently amended). A web server comprising:

processor, memory, and input means;

a dedicated network interface and a general purpose network interface interface;

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an a user space application level interpreter configured to process a client requests request;

user space kernel extension device drivers enabling the application level interpreter to communicate with the dedicated network interface to receive the client request; and

a user space transmission protocol library TCP/IP protocol stack enabling the web server to perform network processing of the client requests request and the a corresponding responses response within the user space[[;]]

wherein the web server is configured to poll-the network interface periodically.

- 10 (original). The server of claim 9, wherein the interpreter comprises an HTTP interpreter.
- 11-13 (canceled).
- 14 (original). The server of claim 9, wherein the web server includes a user space file cache.
- 15 (original). The server of claim 9, wherein the web server is configured to initiate multiple threads within its user space responsive to user requests.
- 16 (original). The server of claim 15, wherein the threads include threads selected from the group of threads including perl scripts, cgi threads, and Java servlets.
- 17 (currently amended). A computer program product <u>comprising computer executable</u> <u>instructions</u>, residing on a computer readable medium, for processing client requests in a data processing server, <u>the instructions</u> comprising:

eede means instructions for mapping a network interface to the user space of a web server application;

code means for polling the network interface to determine the arrival of a network packet;

eode means instructions within the web server application user space for processing the network packet;

eede means instructions within the web server application user space for interpreting an application layer header of the network packet; and

eede-means instructions for generating a response to the network packet including user space code means for retrieving an HTML file, user space code means for executing a perl script, and user space code means for executing a Java servlet

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wherein the code means instructions for processing the network packet comprise a user space TCP/IP protocol stack.

- 18 (canceled).
- 19 (currently amended). The computer program product of claim 18 17, wherein the code means instructions for interpreting the application layer header comprises an HTTP interpreter.
- 20 (canceled).
- 21 (new) The server of claim 1, wherein the web server is configured to poll the network interface periodically.
- 22 (new) The server of claim 9, wherein the web server is configured to poll the network interface periodically.
- 23 (new) The computer program product of claim 17, further comprising instructions for polling the network interface to determine the arrival of a network packet.